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Gloucester exchange has no major industries, full-service hospitals, major shopping malls, colleges, or regional commercial rail or air transportation facilities.¹⁰¹ This request meets Virginia State Corporation Commission ELCS requirements.¹⁰²

7. Bell Atlantic's Hayes/Hampton zone request. Bell Atlantic seeks to provide two-way, flat-rate, non-optional ELCS between the Hayes exchange, and the Hampton zone of the Metropolitan exchange area in the Norfolk, Virginia LATA. The request indicates that the Hayes exchange has 5,694 customers, and 88% of Hayes poll respondents were in favor of the ELCS.¹⁰³ The request indicates that Hayes exchange has no major industries, full-service hospitals, major shopping malls, colleges, or regional commercial rail or air transportation facilities, and that one of the closest locations providing these services is the Hampton Zone.¹⁰⁴ This request meets Virginia State Corporation Commission ELCS requirements.¹⁰⁵

8. Bell Atlantic's Hayes/Newport News request. Bell Atlantic seeks to provide two-way, flat-rate, non-optional ELCS between the Hayes exchange, and the Newport News zone of the Metropolitan exchange area in the Norfolk, Virginia LATA. The request indicates that Hayes has 5,694 customers and that 88% of Hayes poll respondents favored the ELCS.¹⁰⁶ The Hayes exchange has no major industries, full-service hospitals, major shopping malls, colleges, or regional commercial rail or air transportation facilities.¹⁰⁷ This request meets Virginia State Corporation Commission ELCS requirements.¹⁰⁸

9. Bell Atlantic's Hayes/Peninsula zone request. Bell Atlantic seeks to provide two-way, flat-rate, non-optional ELCS between the Hayes exchange, and the Peninsula zone in the Newport News Metropolitan exchange in the Norfolk, Virginia LATA. The request states that Hayes has 5,694 customers and that 88% of Hayes poll respondents favored the ELCS.¹⁰⁹ The Hayes exchange has no major industries, full-service hospitals, major shopping malls, colleges, or

¹⁰⁰ Id. at 1

¹⁰¹ Bell Atlantic Petition Supplement, Attachment C at 1.

¹⁰² Id. at 2.

¹⁰³ Bell Atlantic, Exhibit J, Public Notice Order of the Virginia Commission at 1.

¹⁰⁴ Bell Atlantic Petition Supplement, Attachment C at 1.

¹⁰⁵ Id. at 2.

¹⁰⁶ Bell Atlantic Petition, Exhibit K, Public Notice Order of the Virginia Commission at 1.

¹⁰⁷ Bell Atlantic Petition Supplement, Attachment C, at 1.

¹⁰⁸ Id. at 2.

¹⁰⁹ Bell Atlantic Petition, Exhibit L, Public Notice Order of the Virginia Commission at 1.

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regional commercial rail or air transportation facilities.¹¹⁰ This request meets Virginia State Corporation Commission ELCS requirements.¹¹¹

10. Bell Atlantic's Hayes/Poquoson zone request. Bell Atlantic seeks to provide two-way, flat-rate, non-optional ELCS between the Hayes exchange, and the Poquoson zone of the Metropolitan exchange area in the Norfolk, Virginia LATA. The request states that Poquoson and Hayes have 4,800 and 5,694 customers,¹¹² respectively, and that 88% of Hayes poll respondents favored the ELCS.¹¹³ The Hayes exchange has no major industries, full-service hospitals, major shopping malls, colleges, or regional commercial rail or air transportation facilities.¹¹⁴ This request meets Virginia State Corporation Commission ELCS requirements.¹¹⁵

11. Bell Atlantic's Honaker/Richlands request. Bell Atlantic seeks to provide two-way, flat-rate, non-optional ELCS between Bell Atlantic's Honaker exchange in the Roanoke, Virginia LATA and the Richlands exchange in the Bluefield, West Virginia Independent Market Area. The request indicates that Honaker has 3,460 access lines,¹¹⁶ that Honaker customers average 5.15 calls to the Richlands exchange per access line per month,¹¹⁷ and that 90% of Honaker poll respondents favored the ELCS.¹¹⁸ The request further indicates that Honaker is a small rural exchange with no major industries, medical specialty clinics, hospitals, shopping malls, colleges, or commercial transportation facilities and that Richlands is the closest location that provides such facilities and services.¹¹⁹ This request meets Virginia State Corporation Commission ELCS requirements.¹²⁰

12. Bell Atlantic's Mason/Pomeroy-Middleport request. Bell Atlantic seeks to provide one-way, flat-rate, non-optional ELCS from Bell Atlantic's Mason exchange in the Charleston, West Virginia LATA to the Pomeroy and Middleport exchanges in Ohio. This request indicates that

¹¹⁰ Bell Atlantic Petition Supplement, Attachment C at 1.

¹¹¹ Id. at 2.

¹¹² Bell Atlantic Petition, Exhibit M, Virginia Public Notice Order at 1-2.

¹¹³ Id. at 1.

¹¹⁴ Bell Atlantic Petition Supplement, Attachment C at 1.

¹¹⁵ Id. at 2.

¹¹⁶ Bell Atlantic Petition Supplement, Attachment A at 1.

¹¹⁷ Id.

¹¹⁸ Bell Atlantic Petition, Exhibit C, Attachment at 1-2.

¹¹⁹ Id. at 1.

¹²⁰ Id.

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Mason has 854 customers, that these customers average 17.4 calls to the Pomeroy and Middleport exchanges per access line per month,¹²¹ and that 83% of poll respondents said calling volume would increase substantially if an ELCS were provided.¹²² The request indicates that Mason customers are really a part of a larger community that includes the surrounding Pomeroy and Middleport exchanges in Ohio, and that as many as half the people live in one state and work in the other.¹²³ The request indicates that the exchanges' schools, medical service providers, businesses, and fire departments suffer from large long distance bills due to frequent calling among the exchanges.¹²⁴

13. Bell Atlantic's New Florence/Johnstown request. Bell Atlantic seeks to provide one-way, flat-rate, non-optional ELCS from its New Florence exchange in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania LATA to the Johnstown exchange. The request states that New Florence has 1,155 access lines¹²⁵ and averages 5.56 calls per month per access line,¹²⁶ and that over 61% of New Florence poll respondents favored the ELCS.¹²⁷

14. Bell Atlantic's Stone Mountain/Lynchburg request. Bell Atlantic seeks to provide two-way, flat-rate, non-optional ELCS between the Stone Mountain exchange in the Roanoke, Virginia LATA and the Lynchburg exchange in the Lynchburg, Virginia LATA. The request indicates that the Stone Mountain exchange has 6,120 access lines,¹²⁸ and that 61% of Stone Mountain poll respondents favor the ELCS.¹²⁹ The Stone Mountain exchange has no major industries, medical specialty clinics, hospitals, shopping malls, colleges, or commercial transportation facilities,¹³⁰ and the closest communities providing these facilities are Roanoke and Lynchburg.¹³¹ Stone Mountain already has ELCS to Roanoke, and ELCS to Lynchburg would provide an important additional

¹²¹ Bell Atlantic Petition, Exhibit B, Order of West Virginia Public Utility Commission at 23.

¹²² Id. at 24.

¹²³ Id. Exhibit B at 2.

¹²⁴ Id.

¹²⁵ Id. Exhibit A at 1.

¹²⁶ Id. Exhibit A, Order of Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, at 1.

¹²⁷ Id. Exhibit A at 2.

¹²⁸ Bell Atlantic Petition Supplement, Attachment A at 1.

¹²⁹ Bell Atlantic Petition, Exhibit E, Public Notice Report of the Virginia Commission at 1.

¹³⁰ Bell Atlantic Petition Supplement, Attachment C at 3.

¹³¹ Id.

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local calling link to customers in the eastern half of the Stone Mountain exchange.¹³² This request meets Virginia State Corporation Commission ELCS requirements.¹³³

15. BellSouth's Franklinton-Louisburg/Raleigh request. BellSouth seeks to provide two-way, flat-rate, non-optional ELCS between the Franklinton and Louisburg exchanges, and the Raleigh exchange in the Raleigh, North Carolina LATA. The request indicates that Franklinton and Louisburg have 2,561 and 6,478 access lines respectively¹³⁴ and that over 90% of poll respondents favored the ELCS.¹³⁵ The request also indicates that the proposed ELCS meets the state commission's usage criteria for ELCS requests.¹³⁶

16. BellSouth's Louisburg/Zebulon request. BellSouth seeks to provide two-way, flat-rate, non-optional ELCS between the Louisburg exchange, and the Zebulon exchange in the Raleigh, North Carolina LATA. The request indicates that Louisburg and Zebulon have 6,478 and 6,604 access lines¹³⁷ respectively, and that over 90% of Louisburg poll respondents favored the ELCS.¹³⁸ The request also indicates that Louisburg and Zebulon do not meet the CIF criterion,¹³⁹ but that the state commission approved the proposed ELCS because (1) it would provide county-seat calling to 15% of Zebulon subscribers;¹⁴⁰ and (2) approximately 50% of the students in school in the Louisburg exchange live in the Zebulon exchange.¹⁴¹

17. BellSouth's Pittsboro/Apex-Cary-Raleigh request. BellSouth seeks to provide two-way, flat-rate, non-optional ELCS between the Pittsboro exchange, and the Apex, Cary, and Raleigh

¹³² Id.

¹³³ Id.

¹³⁴ BellSouth Petition, Attachment 1, at 2 n.2.

¹³⁵ Id. at 2.

¹³⁶ In evaluating such requests, the state commission considers the rate of calling between the exchanges and requires different usage rates depending on the type of service provided (i.e. county-seat ELCS, other intra-county ELCS, inter-county ELCS, or inter-county ELCS between exchanges without a common boundary). The state commission considers a community of interest factor (CIF) which is equal to the number of calls divided by the total number of customer trunks, and a percentage making calls factor (PMC) which is the number of access lines making calls divided by the total number of local customer lines/trunks. See North Carolina PUC Comments, Attachment at 1, 3.

¹³⁷ BellSouth Petition, Attachment 1 at 2 n.2.

¹³⁸ Id. at 2.

¹³⁹ BellSouth Petition, Attachment 1, Exhibit A at 1. See also *supra* note 136.

¹⁴⁰ BellSouth Petition, Attachment 1, Exhibit C at 4.

¹⁴¹ Id.

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exchanges in the Raleigh LATA. The petition indicates that Pittsboro has 6,302 access lines¹⁴² and that over 93% of the Pittsboro poll respondents favored the ELCS.¹⁴³ The request indicates that the CIF criterion is satisfied for Pittsboro and Raleigh, but is not satisfied for Pittsboro and each of the Cary and the Apex exchanges.¹⁴⁴ The request noted, however, that the state commission favored the ELCS because allowing an ELCS to only one of the three exchanges would require skipping the other two.¹⁴⁵

18. BellSouth's Saxapahaw/Chapel Hill request. BellSouth seeks to provide two-way, flat-rate, non-optional ELCS between the Saxapahaw exchange in the Greensboro, North Carolina LATA and the Chapel Hill exchange in the Raleigh, North Carolina LATA. The request indicates that Saxapahaw has 3,784 access lines¹⁴⁶ and that 72% of Saxapahaw poll respondents favored the ELCS.¹⁴⁷ The request also indicates the state's usage criteria for ELCS have been met.¹⁴⁸

19. BellSouth's Scotts Hill-Holly Ridge/Wilmington request. BellSouth seeks to provide two-way, flat-rate, non-optional ELCS between the Holly Ridge exchange, and the Wilmington exchange and that portion of the Scotts Hill exchange served by the 270 prefix in the Wilmington, North Carolina LATA. The request indicates that the number of access lines, respectively, in Scotts Hill and Holly Ridge is 3,809, and 1,689,¹⁴⁹ and that over 60% of Scotts Hill poll respondents and over 97% of Holly Ridge poll respondents favored the ELCS.¹⁵⁰ The state's usage criteria were satisfied between Holly Ridge and Scotts Hill and between Holly Ridge and Wilmington.¹⁵¹

20. SWBT's Albany/Breckenridge request. SWBT seeks to provide two-way ELCS between SWBT's Albany exchange in the Abilene, Texas LATA and the Breckenridge exchange in the

¹⁴² BellSouth Petition, Attachment V, Exhibit C at 1.

¹⁴³ *Id.* Attachment V at 2.

¹⁴⁴ *Id.* Attachment V, Exhibit C at 2.

¹⁴⁵ *Id.* at 2-3.

¹⁴⁶ BellSouth Petition, Attachment II, Exhibit C at 1.

¹⁴⁷ *Id.* Attachment II, at 2.

¹⁴⁸ *Id.* Attachment II, Exhibit C at 1.

¹⁴⁹ *Id.* Attachment III at 2 n.2.

¹⁵⁰ *Id.* at 2.

¹⁵¹ *Id.* Attachment III, Exhibit C at 2.

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Dallas, Texas LATA. The request indicates that Albany has a population of less than 2,000¹⁵² and that over 70% of Albany poll respondents favored the ELCS.¹⁵³ The request states that Albany residents, who rely on farming, ranching, and the oil industry for their economic basis, tend to own property that spans both counties and rely on Breckenridge for farming and ranching supplies.¹⁵⁴ The petition further states that Breckenridge is the closet town of its size¹⁵⁵ (5,203 access lines),¹⁵⁶ and that Albany residents rely on Breckenridge for local government needs, including several state and federal agencies located in Breckenridge that serve both communities.¹⁵⁷ The request also notes that Albany relies on Breckenridge for doctors, medicine and medical facilities, shopping, and employment opportunities.¹⁵⁸

21. SWBT's Pawnee/Kenedy-Karnes-Fall City request. SWBT Bell seeks to provide two-way, flat-rate, non-optional ELCS between the Pawnee exchange, and SWBT's Kenedy and Karnes/Falls City exchanges in the San Antonio, Texas LATA. The request indicates that Kenedy and Karnes/Falls City have 2,363 and 2,518 access lines respectively,¹⁵⁹ and that over 70% of poll respondents of these exchanges favored the ELCS.¹⁶⁰ The request explains that Pawnee residents depend on the Kenedy and Karnes/Falls City exchanges for shopping, groceries, banking, emergency services, and legal services, which are not available in Pawnee.¹⁶¹ Pawnee residents are also served by schools, churches, funeral services, and public utility companies of the other exchanges.¹⁶²

22. US West's 234/Omaha request. US West seeks to provide flat-rate, non-optional ELCS from its Omaha common service area in the Omaha, Nebraska LATA to Lincoln Telegraph &

¹⁵² SWBT Petition, Exhibit B at 3.

¹⁵³ Id.

¹⁵⁴ Id. at 4.

¹⁵⁵ Id. at 4.

¹⁵⁶ Letter from J. Paul Walters, Jr., Attorney, SWBT, to William F. Caton, Acting Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (Feb. 13, 1997).

¹⁵⁷ SWBT Petition, Exhibit B at 4.

¹⁵⁸ Id.

¹⁵⁹ Letter from J. Paul Walters, Jr., Attorney, SWBT, to William F. Caton, Acting Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (Feb. 13, 1997).

¹⁶⁰ SWBT Petition, Exhibit A at 5.

¹⁶¹ Id.

¹⁶² Id. at 5-6.

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Telephone Company's (LT&T's) 234 exchange (covering the communities of Cedar Creek, Louisville, and Manley, Nebraska). The petition indicates that the 234 exchange has approximately 1,000 access lines,¹⁶³ and averages about 20 calls to Omaha per month per account, with over 80% of the accounts placing two or more calls to Omaha per month.¹⁶⁴ U S WEST's petition also indicates that this request was initiated by a petition of over 350 subscribers of the 234 exchange,¹⁶⁵ and that the state commission found a community of interest between the exchanges based on medical, business, and social needs.¹⁶⁶

23. US West's Murray/Omaha request. US West seeks to provide flat-rate, non-optional ELCS from its Omaha common service area in the Omaha LATA to LT&T's Murray exchange. The petition states that Murray has approximately 930 access lines,¹⁶⁷ and averages about 24 calls to Omaha per month per account, with over 85% of the accounts placing two or more calls to Omaha per month.¹⁶⁸ The petition further indicates that the request was initiated by a petition of over 925 subscribers of the Murray exchange,¹⁶⁹ and that the state commission found a community of interest between the exchanges based on health, medical, and educational needs.¹⁷⁰

24. US West's Scio/Albany request. US West seeks to provide measured-rate, optional ELCS from its Albany exchange in the Eugene, Oregon LATA to the Scio Mutual Telephone Association's Scio exchange. The request indicates that the Scio exchange has approximately 1,500 customers¹⁷¹ and 1,600 access lines.¹⁷² The request also indicates that 65% of Scio exchange customers made at least two toll calls per month to the Albany exchange,¹⁷³ with an average of 9.7 toll calls per month per access line.¹⁷⁴ The request describes Scio as a rural

¹⁶³ US West Petition at 4.

¹⁶⁴ Id. Exhibit A at 2.

¹⁶⁵ Id. at 1.

¹⁶⁶ Id. at 4.

¹⁶⁷ US West Petition, Exhibit B at 2.

¹⁶⁸ Id.

¹⁶⁹ Id. at 1.

¹⁷⁰ Id. at 4.

¹⁷¹ US West Petition, Exhibit A at 4.

¹⁷² Id. at 4.

¹⁷³ Id. at 5-6.

¹⁷⁴ Id. Exhibit A at 17.

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logging and agricultural area with a population of 650,¹⁷⁵ where employment activities are limited to the Scio High School, and three other small businesses. The request explains that Albany is the closest and most convenient town upon which Scio residents can rely for their basic needs, including fire, medical, and 911 emergency services,¹⁷⁶ as well as government services such as courts, law enforcement offices, and the Department of Motor Vehicles.¹⁷⁷ Further, the request notes that 70% of the Scio School District's phone calls are placed to Albany, and that many Scio residents and children attend classes in Albany.¹⁷⁸ The state commission has also approved a measured-rate, optional plan to cover calls from the independent telephone company's Scio exchange to the Albany exchange.

¹⁷⁵ Id. at 4.

¹⁷⁶ Id. at 5-6.

¹⁷⁷ Id. at 4-7.

¹⁷⁸ Id. at 5.